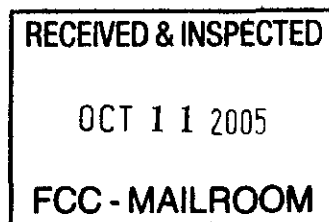


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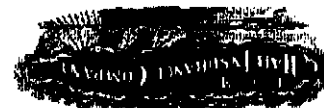
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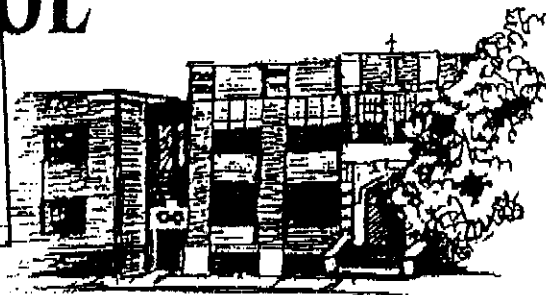
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To: Federal Communications Commission
Re: CC Docket No. 02-6

Billed Entity Number:..... 50966
Form 471 Application Number:..... 488671

I am submitting a Request for a Waiver of the filing requirement time-line for the 05-06 funding year letter 471 for following reasons:

1. I was unavailable due to surgery and moving from my home to file Form 471 in the required time to meet this time-line. Letters regarding this time-line and my absence from my work are attached. (5 pages)
2. When it was determined that I would need immediate back surgery, I had a half day to put things in order for my absence from work before I moved to Toledo to prepare for surgery. There were many details to be dealt with in such a short time to secure the needs of our school. The e-rate filing deadline was an oversight. I am the only one who files this information for our school, so no one else was aware of completing this requirement in my absence. Due to the difficulty of this surgery and the difficult recuperation away from home, this filing date was forgotten until well past the filing date requirement.
3. I am attaching copies of the letter I received denying my appeal from the Schools and Libraries Division as well. (2 pages)

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request for a waiver of the time-line normally required for Form 471. I can be reached at the following numbers if there are any questions or other needed communications:

Phone: (419) 943-3555
email: ls_prin@noacsc.org

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Ellen

Sister Mary Ellen Schroeder, SND
Principal

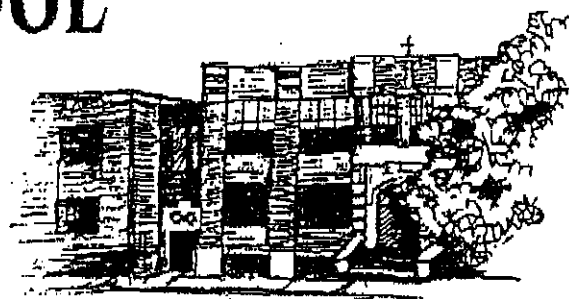
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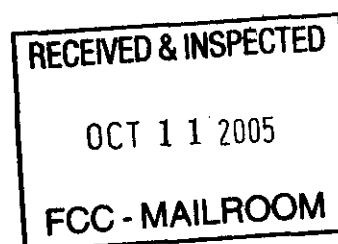
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May 23, 2005

Appeal for e-rate services for 2005-2006

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This letter is an appeal.

Appellant Name: St. Mary's School, Leipsic, OH
Sr. Mary Ellen Schroeder
BEN: 50966
Form 471 Application Number: 488671
Name of Letter: Funding Year 2005 Form 471

I am appealing the following decision:

"We are sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 04/06/2005, which is AFTER the 2005-2006 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, Feb. 18, 2005..."

I am asking for a waiver of this time line for the deadline Form 471 for the following reasons:

I am the only one here who has been authorized to file these forms and knows how to apply for erate. Mid January I filed Form 470 according to SLD guidelines.

The following circumstances detail why our form was filed late. On January 24 I received the results of an MRI, followed by a surgeon's evaluation on January 25. January 25 I moved from Leipsic, OH to Toledo, OH (1.5 hours away) to prepare for spinal fusion surgery on January 28, 2005 where my surgeon was available.

I could not file before I left because of the 28 day window lapse. With the surgery coming so swiftly, this was a detail that was not remembered. While I took care of business by way of phone, my mail was set aside for my return. I remained in Toledo for surgery and rehabilitation until Feb. 21. From 21 - Feb. 28 I has still restricted to my home. On March 1, I returned to school part-time through the remainder of the month.

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Mid-March I received a call regarding our NOACSC contract. Thinking I had filed the Form 471, after a few phone calls I became aware that this had not been done. I then filed on April 6, 2005.

I have included letters from three (3) sources. regarding the above time-line:

- 1) Dr. Joseph LaMancusa - neurologist
- 2) Dr. Thomas Merritt - surgeon
- 3) Janette Robertson - Sisters of Notre Dame Health Care Center Director,
Toledo, Ohio

If you require further information from my doctors, from my place of rehabilitation, or other references, I will forward this upon request.

Authorized Signature: Sr. Mary Ellen Schroeder, SND Principal
Sr. Mary Ellen Schroeder, SND Position

Date: May 23, 2005

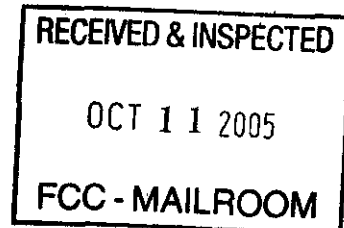
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JOSEPH C. LAMANCUSA, M.D.
Adult & Pediatric Neurology
Diplomate American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

May 9, 2005

Sister Mary Ellen Schroeder
412 South Poplar Street
Leipsic, Oh 45856



RE: Sister Mary Ellen Schroeder

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I evaluated Sister Mary Ellen again on January 24th, 2005.

I had reviewed her lumbosacral MRI with her that showed significant foraminal stenosis of the right L4-5 space, compressing the right L5 nerve root. It was recommended that she need immediate surgical evaluation. She was once again sent to Dr. Thomas Merritt in Toledo who did actually perform her surgery.

If there are further questions, please do not hesitate to call.


Joseph C. LaMancusa, M.D.
Board Certified Neurologist

JCL/cmn

Signed but not edited.

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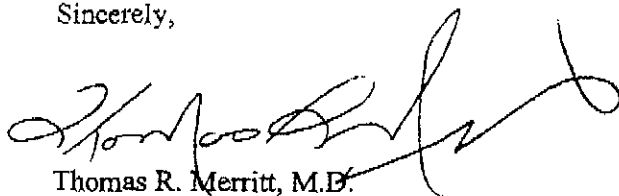
May 14, 2005

RE: Sr. Mary Ellen Schroeder

To Whom It May Concern:

Sr. Mary Ellen Schroeder was seen in my office on January 26, 2005 for an evaluation and review of a MRI of her lumbar spine. Recommendation was to have surgery as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Merritt, M.D.

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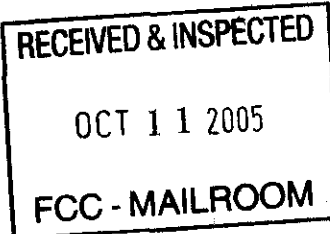
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May 9th 2005

Regarding Sister Mary Ellen Schroeder



To whom it may concern:

Sister was admitted to the Health Care Center on January 25th 2005 for surgery on January 28, 2005 and remained here for post-op care and rehabilitation following surgery. Sister was discharged to Leipsic on February 21st 2005.

Respectfully,

Janette Robertson R.N.

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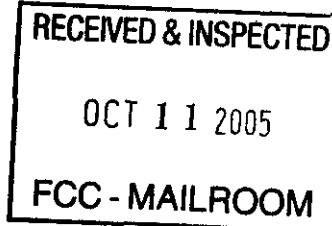


Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

August 16, 2005

Sister Mary Ellen Schroeder, SND
St. Mary's School
129 Saint Mary's Street
Leipsic, OH 45856



Re: Applicant Name: ST MARY'S SCHOOL
Billed Entity Number: 50966
Form 471 Application Number: 488671
Funding Request Number(s): 1355223, 1355224, 1355225
Your Correspondence Dated: May 23, 2005

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1355223, 1355224, 1355225
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- In your appeal letter, you indicated that the delay of filing your Form 471 was because you had to wait for the 28-day period, and at the last minute you were unavailable because of an illness.
- Your Form 471 Application was filed online on April 6, 2005. You have not provided an indication that the SLD had erred in its decision to process your application outside of the filing window. Program rules require that the Form 471 be filed and certified no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on February 18, 2005 in order to be considered as received within the Funding Year 2005 window. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all forms are correct, complete and submitted to SLD within the program application filing window.

- SLD denied your funding requests because it determined that your Form 471 Application and Certification was not postmarked on or before the close of the filing window on February 18, 2005. In order to be considered within the filing window, both the application and the certification must be completed. You have failed to demonstrate that the Form 471 Application and Certification was postmarked on or before February 18, 2005. Consequently, your appeal is denied.
- The FCC requires all parts of an application to be postmarked by the final date of the filing window for the relevant funding year for the application to be treated as having been filed within the filing window. *See Request for Review by Alpine County Unified School District, et. al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 02-75 ¶¶ 2 and 4. (rel. Jan. 14, 2002). This includes the Form 470 Certification, the Form 471 application, and the Form 471 Certification.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company